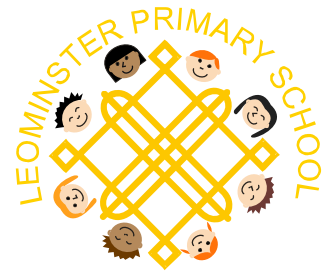


LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

YEAR 5 AUTUMN TERM NEWSLETTER



A warm welcome to Year 5!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to year 5!

I hope you have had a restful break and are ready for all the new learning and challenges this year will bring.

The year 5 team consists of: Mrs McAtear (5M - Assistant Head), Mrs Linton (5L), Mrs Cowell (5C). Miss Rees and Mrs Hopper will be providing PPA cover for the classes. Our teaching assistants are Mrs Macdonald, Miss Tansley and Mr Powell-Jones. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially while becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any problems or worries, please encourage them to see their class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to discuss any concerns you may have regarding your child. Appointments can be made via the office.

Curriculum this term:

It is a very busy term with a number of changes and a lot to look forward to. We have many exciting things planned for both children and parents. There will be a wide range of extra-curricular clubs on offer.

The children are exploring Traditional Tales in **English** and the focus is on them producing their own stories to share with a younger audience. Later in the term, we will be focusing on writing 'Reviews'. Theatre, film, book and TV will be the areas we will be investigating as well as comparing formal and informal writing styles.

In **Mathematics** this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum. These can be found on the government website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/335158/PRIMARY_national_curriculum_-_Mathematics_220714.pdf

Our **Science** topic for the first half of the term is 'Properties and Changes of Materials. The children can start thinking about the different types of materials that exist and their uses.

This term's focus for **Geography** will be 'Where does our water come from?' and we will be studying the water cycles as well as developing their use of Ordnance Survey maps and atlases.

The children will also have whole class reading, SPaG - spelling, punctuation and grammar, RE, PHSE, French, Computing, Art, PE and collective worship (daily). Any books, artefacts or information the children are able to bring into school would be very much appreciated.

Special Events and News

Congratulations!

We would like to say congratulations to Mrs Linton who is expecting her first baby. She will be taking maternity leave later on in the school year - we will keep you updated.

Parental Engagement

Parents and carers are invited to join their child for an afternoon of Times Tables fun on **Wednesday 24th October from 2:15pm**. Staff will share with you some games and tips for supporting your child's learning of times tables as well as letting the children show off how good they are getting at recalling the facts they have learnt!

There will also be a Christmas crafts morning for parents and carers on Friday 7th December.

Reminders:

Reading: Please try to read with your children as regularly as possible. We ask each child to read every evening, Monday - Thursday and record it in their reading record.

Games and PE: Children will need to have a school winter kit (joggers and sweatshirt) for games as well as a purple t-shirt, shorts and trainers for PE. Please ensure that all uniforms are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Asthma: If your child is asthmatic, please could you ensure that they have an inhaler (labelled with their name) in school at all times!

Healthy Eating: As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit or vegetables to eat at break times. It is also very important children have a water bottle in school - we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.

Dates:	
Thursday 4 th October	Individual class photos
Wednesday 24 th October	Parental Engagement - times tables
Friday 26 th October	Wear what you like day in aid of The Little Princess Trust
Half Term	
Wednesday 7 th November	Parents' Evening 3:45 - 5:30pm
Thursday 8 th November	Parents' Evening 5:00 - 7:00pm
Monday 12 th November	Year 5 Experience Day at Earl Mortimer
Friday 7 th December	Christmas Crafts morning
Friday 21 st December	Last day of term (Children return to school on Wednesday 9 th January)

Mrs S McAtear, Assistant Headteacher (years 5 and 6)